

## Feeding Assistant Program

### **Training Requirements:**

#### **(Regulatory Change 483.160 Subpart D Requirements for training of paid feeding assistants)**

Training curriculum must be state approved

Minimum eight hours of training

The following areas must be covered in training program:

- Feeding techniques
- Assistance with feeding and hydration
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Appropriate response to resident behavior
- Safety and emergency procedures
- Infection control
- Resident rights
- Recognizing changes in residents that are inconsistent with their normal behavior and the importance of reporting changes to the supervisory nurse
- Maintenance of records

#### **( Regulatory Change 483.35 Dietary Services [F360] )**

- Successful completion of state approved training course before feeding the residents
- Must work under the supervision of an RN or LPN
- In an emergency a feeding assistant must call a supervisory nurse for help on the resident call system
- Resident selection for feeding program must be based on charge nurse's assessment and plan of care
- Feeding assistant may only feed residents that have no complicated feeding problems (eg. Difficulty swallowing, recurrent lung aspirations, and tube or parenteral/IV feedings.)